

Fifth Annual Vintage Base Ball Match To Be Saturday

# Fort Mackinac Never Sweats To Face Grangers

The cranks will cry "Huzzah!" as the hurlers, behinds, and strikers of the Fort Mackinac Never Sweats and the Rochester Grangers square off for their fifth annual vintage base ball match Saturday, July 21, on Mackinac Island.

The evening will begin with a pre-game concert by Traverse City's Northwind Brass quintet, followed at 6:30 p.m. by the game, to be played on the Scout Barracks ballfield behind Fort Mackinac. The Grangers lead the Never Sweats 3-1 after four meetings, but the Mackinac team hopes to reverse that trend in the series this year.

Vintage base ball is played by rules dating to the 1840s. Players wear reproduction uniforms and play ball without gloves and in a gentlemanly fashion, with no sliding, spitting, or swearing. Spectators (cranks) are coached on such matters as archaic position names (batters are "strikers,"

catchers are "behinds," and pitchers are "hurlers") and old-fashioned rules (such as a ball caught on one bounce is an out, just like a caught fly ball).

U.S. Representative Bart Stupak and John Hiller, a member of the 1968 World Champion Detroit Tigers and a standout reliever throughout the 1970s, will serve as co-captains of the Never Sweats, with Mr. Hiller acting as the primary hurler.

An official with top hat and megaphone will enforce the rules, and the crowd will be encouraged to use 19th-century cheers to voice their approval or disapproval of player behavior.

Prices for the game are \$15 for families, \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth ages six to 17, and free for Mackinac Associates (friends level and above). Tickets may be purchased at the game, or in advance by calling (906) 847-3328.

## Griffing Art Exhibit Is This Weekend

Art exhibit and sale of the work of Robert Griffing will be Saturday, July 21, and Sunday, July 22, at the Visitors Center of Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City. An admission ticket to Colonial Michilimackinac is required.

After retiring from a 30-year advertising career in 1992, Mr. Griffing turned his attention to illustrating the

18th-century Eastern Woodland Indian. His work receives growing interest from collectors across the United States. He received the 1999 John Forbes Medal for his contributions to the study of eastern frontier history.

The Colonial Michilimackinac Visitors Center is under the south end of the Mackinac Bridge.

# Claire Dunningan Will Compete in State Pageant

## Student Has Support From Island, Grass Lake Communities

By Eric Fish

Mackinac Island seasonal resident Claire Dunningan will compete in the Miss Teen of Michigan 2007 pageant, to be held from Friday, July 20, to Sunday, July 22, in Mount Pleasant.

Miss Dunningan, 15, is the daughter of cottagers Candice and Brian Dunningan and just completed her freshman year at Grass Lake High School.

The Miss Teen of Michigan competition is judged on community service and academic achievement.

"When I first heard I was going to be in this pageant, I kind of steered away from it," she said. "Then, reading more about it and finding out about the academic part, I became more excited."

In addition to Mackinac Island volunteer work, teaching English as a second language at St. Anne's Church and helping with the 4-H riding program, Miss Dunningan has been involved in student council and has helped with food drives, charity walks, and volunteer work in the Grass Lake area.

She was invited to take part in the pageant in March and began soliciting sponsorships from family and friends.

"People came through," she



Claire Dunningan

said. "I raised a couple hundred dollars over what I needed to raise. It was really neat having the support from Mackinac and Grass Lake."

Miss Dunningan will compete against about 60 other high school girls on scholastic record, achievement and service to school and community, personal development of talents and skills, a general awareness written test, personality projection in formal wear, and an interview.

The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship and a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, and will be eligible to compete for the national title of Miss Teen of America. The winner's high school will also receive \$250 from the Miss Teen of America Scholarship and Recognition Program.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Miss Dunningan said. "I hope I have a good chance. It's definitely a good learning experience."

Miss Dunningan is also excited about experiencing a taste of college life for the weekend. Participants are housed on the campus of Central Michigan University during the event.

The Miss Teen of Michigan title is currently held by Nicole Hinchman of Clinton Township. Miss Hinchman has visited Mackinac Island the past two years to help with the crowning of the Lilac Queen at the opening of the annual Lilac Festival.

The winner of the pageant will have a two-year reign before passing on the crown.

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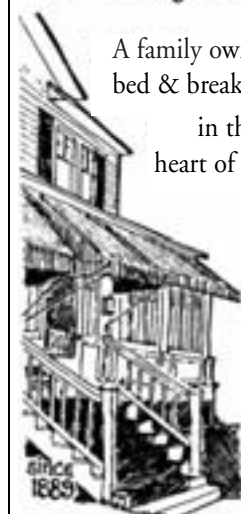
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